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SUBJECT: PROJECT HOPE

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. DR. WALSH OF PROJECT HOPE MET WITH OSD AND NAVY REPS
ON 1 NOV, REPORTING ON RECENT TRIP TO ETHIOPIA AND FUTURE
HOPE'S PLANS.

2. IN DOD MEETING WALSH POINTED TO HELPFUL COOPERATION
EMBASSY AND IEG ENTHUSIASM WITH PROJECT. IEG HAD SUGGESTED
BROADENING PROJECT INCLUDE ITAGUE MENNON HOSPITAL AND
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ASSIST MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HSIU. RESULT OF WALSH DESIRE

TO BE RESPONSIVE HE NOW THINKING OF GREATLY EXPANDED
HOPE STAFF OF UP TO 100. HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE, OF
WHAT HE BELIEVED HIM'S DESIRE, AS REFLECTED BY MINISTER
OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OF U.S. AGREEING TO HOPE USE OF TRACT E
RATHER THAN TURNING IT OVER DIRECTLY TO IEG. THIS WOULD
AVOID POTENTIALLY DIVISIVE STRUGGLE WITHIN IEG MINISTRIES,
PARTICULARLY ANTICIPATED MOVE BY 2ND DIVISION TO OCCUPY
MORE DESIRABLE FACILITIES AT TRACT E. HE REPEATED
SEVERAL TIMES THAT EMPEROR WANTED TO AVOID PRESSURES FROM
COMPETING MINISTRIES.

DR. WALSH ASSURED BY OSD/NAVY REPS OF DESIRE TO BE AS
HELPFUL AS LEGAL CONSTRAINTS WOULD ALLOW. HOWEVER,
EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE SCREENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PROPERTY DISPOSAL PROCEDURES. AS FOR TRACT E, UNDER
TERMS OF 1953 BASE AGREEMENT, PROPERTY NO LONGER REQUIRED
BY U.S. WOULD HAVE TO BE FIRST OFFERED TO IEG. BUT AS
LONG AS IEG AMENABLE HOPE PROPOSAL THIS SHOULD BE NO
PROBLEM. IF HIM REALLY CONCERNED WITH POSSIBILITY
INTERNAL SQUABBLING, EMPEROR COULD SIMPLY AVOID
PUBLICITY OF TURNOVER. ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, OSD REP
INDICATED EMPEROR LIKELY BE ABLE HANDLE EASILY
PROBLEMS OF THAT NATURE. WALSH GIVEN COPY OF 1953
AGREEMENT FOR REFERENCE BUT TOLD NO COMPLETE INVENTORY
OF ITEMS AT TRACT E AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. SUGGESTED
TO WALSH MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR HIM PUT HIS REQUIREMENTS
IN WRITING TO STATE AND DOD. RUSH

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